

OPTIONAL REQUIREMENT

REQUIREMENTS: CORE CARBON PRINCIPLES LABELLING OF GOLD STANDARD VERIFIED EMISSION REDUCTIONS

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SUMMARY

This document outlines the requirements and procedure for design-certified projects to seek Core Carbon Principles (CCP) labelling of Gold Standard Verified Emission Reductions (GSVERs). It applies to design-certified projects, Programmes of Activities (PoAs), and Voluntary Project Activities (VPAs) seeking CCP labelling of issued GSVERs. This also includes cases wherein which methodology updates involve changes to either the methodology version or the methodology itself.

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1| SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

1.1 | Scope

- 1.1.1 | This document outlines the requirements and procedures to enable CCP labelling of GSVERs.
- 1.1.2 | It applies to all Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) design-certified projects, PoAs, or VPAs—referred to as "projects" hereafter—seeking CCP labelling of:
 - a. GSVERs issued to a project that has applied a methodology version approved by the Integrity Council for the Voluntary Carbon Market (ICVCM). This includes eligible issued GSVERs of vintage 2021 and onwards.
 - b. GSVERs to be issued to a project retroactively following an update to an ICVCM-approved methodology version or newly approved methodology, i.e., methodology update. Eligibility of retroactively issued GSVERs is limited to vintages dating back no earlier than 2021.

1.2 | Applicability Requirement

- 1.2.1 | The requirements and procedures outlined in this document shall apply when:
 - a. An applied methodology version is approved as is by ICVCM and requires no updates to the project design (e.g., projects applying ICVCM-approved version 9 of the [Clean Development Mechanism \(CDM\)](#) AMS III.G and complying with the conditions associated with ICVCM approval).
 - b. A project needs revisions or updates to comply with an ICVCM-approved methodology version (e.g., projects applying ICVCM-approved version 4 of the methodology Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating – Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC), in which an update to fraction of non-renewable biomass (fNRB) values is required to demonstrate compliance with the conditions associated with ICVCM approval).
 - c. A change in the applied methodology is requested, either updating to a newer version or switching to a different methodology altogether (e.g., projects applying CDM methodology AMS-II. G and requesting a change to the ICVCM-approved version 4 of the methodology Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating – Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC).
- 1.2.2 | The requirements and procedures outlined in this document do not apply to projects seeking crediting period (CP) renewal. Such projects shall follow the CP renewal requirements and procedures. The project developer shall submit separate requests for a project that introduces changes to update its design

for CCP labelling of a retroactive period (if not already issued), i.e., design change and to renew its CP.

1.2.3 | A project requesting CCP labelling shall demonstrate compliance with:

- a. All methodology requirements of applied methodology version covering all key aspects (applicability criteria, project boundary, greenhouse gas (GHG) sources, additionality, baseline, project and leakage emissions, emission reductions quantification, monitoring requirements, etc.).
- b. Any additional/new requirements published by Gold Standard following the conditions set by ICVCM for the applied methodology version.
- c. Necessary information to demonstrate compliance, including Validation & Verification Body (VVB) design change validation report when applicable.

1.2.4 | The requirements and procedures outlined in this document limit changes to project aspects that are:

- a. Permitted under design change requirements and other applicable standards. For example, changing the CP length selected at design certification is not allowed.
- b. Directly related to applying the latest version of the applicable methodology. For any additional changes, the project developer shall seek clarification by writing to help@goldstandard.org before including them in a scope of design change request (e.g., expansion of project installed capacity).

1.2.5 | Only project developers that are listed in the cover letter as project owner or representative can submit requests for CCP labelling of GSVERs. Buyers of GSVERs or other entities holding GSVERs issued to a project are not permitted to submit such requests.

1.2.6 | **Requirements for Already Issued GSVERs:** For the CCP labelling of GSVERs that have already been issued, the project shall comply with the following requirements regarding scope and continuity:

1.2.7 | **Completeness of Monitoring Period:** Any update to an already issued volume shall be applied to the entire issuance quantity covered by the relevant monitoring report and its associated monitoring period.

1.2.8 | **Partial Updates:** Partial updates to issued credits within a single monitoring period are not permitted. This does not preclude the projects to apply for partial updates for the monitoring periods that are time barred for retroactive labelling. For example, a monitoring report covering 2020 and 2021 vintages is allowed to partially update 2021 vintage.

1.2.9 | **Continuous Vintage Sequence:** Updates to issued volumes shall ensure a continuous timeframe. It is strictly prohibited to update selective vintages in isolation (e.g., updating one specific vintage while skipping an adjacent vintage) if it disrupts the continuity of the updated period. Thus, when seeking retroactive updates, the project shall ideally prioritize the update of the most recent vintages first. Examples:

- a. *Permitted: A project updates issued credits for vintages 2021, 2022, and 2023 in a continuous sequence.*
- b. *Not Permitted: A project seeks to update issued credits for vintage 2021 and vintage 2023, while excluding vintage 2022. This disrupts the continuous period and is prohibited.*

1.2.10 | **Combined Requests:** Project developer may submit a consolidated request to update GSVERs volumes covering multiple monitoring periods or vintages. This is permitted solely if the combined request remains in full compliance with the continuity and holistic update requirements listed above. Example:

- a. *A developer holds issued credits for Vintage 2021 (Monitoring Period A) and Vintage 2022 (Monitoring Period B). They may submit a single, combined request to update both vintages simultaneously, rather than submitting two separate requests, provided the vintages form a continuous sequence.*

1.2.11 | **Management of Volume Reduction (Re-quantification):** If the application of the updated methodology results in a quantified emission reduction volume that is lower than the volume originally issued (referred to as a "Deficit"), the Project Developer shall adhere to the following hierarchy to address the Deficit and assign labels:

- a. **Step 1: Cancellation from Inventory:** The Project Developer shall submit a request along with labelling and permanently cancel unretired credits from their registry account corresponding to the affected vintage and monitoring period to cover the Deficit.
- b. **Step 2: Settlement of Outstanding Deficit:** If the unretired inventory is insufficient to cover the full Deficit (i.e., because credits have already been sold or retired), the remaining balance of the deficit shall be deducted from the project's future issuance(s).
- c. **Step 3: Labelling Limitation and Prioritization:** The total number of CCP labels assigned shall strictly match the re-quantified (lower) volume. *Constraint:* If the volume of sold or retired credits exceeds the re-quantified volume, the CCP label shall be applied only up to the limit of the re-quantified volume. No labels shall be issued for the portion of credits exceeding this limit.

1.3 | Procedure

1.3.1 | A project can apply for GSVER labelling per the procedure outlined in this section.

1.3.2 | **No design change required:** When an ICVCM-approved methodology version is applied and no changes are required to the project design, the project developer can submit the request for CCP labelling to Gold Standard (no design change required). The request shall be prepared using the "[Form: Request submission for CCP labelling](#)" and shall be submitted via the Gold

Standard assurance platform using the review request type “Manage Information”.

Example: Project GS001 design certified with Methodology X (version 1.0). In 2024, ICVCM approves version 1.0 of Methodology X. Project can request CCP labelling of GSVERs issued from 2020 to 2024 and to be issued in future, as project applied an ICVCM-approved methodology version for the entire period, which doesn't require any change to project design.

1.3.3 | Design change required with applied methodology: When Gold Standard publishes additional/updated requirements for an ICVCM-approved methodology version to ensure compliance with conditions set by ICVCM, the project developer shall submit a request for a design change prior to requesting CCP labelling. For such cases, CCP labelling is allowed only for:

- i. GSVERs issued or to be issued, provided the GSVERs vintage of the credits is 2021 or later.
- ii. GSVERs generated during future monitoring periods.

Example: Project GS001 applied Methodology X (version 1.0), which was approved by ICVCM in 2025. Following ICVCM decision, Gold Standard publishes updates requirements for Methodology X (version 1.0) to ensure compliance with ICVCM decision for CCP eligibility. For example, these new requirements involve an update to fNRB values. Project GS001 shall undergo a design change review to demonstrate compliance with the new requirements and may seek CCP labelling for:

- a. a retroactive period from vintage 2021 and onwards, including GSVERs that have already been issued for this period, and*
- b. future issuances.*

1.3.4 | Design change required for methodology switch: When the project switches to a different eligible methodology (e.g., from AMS II.G to Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating – Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption [TPDDTEC] V4.0), the project developer shall submit a request for a design change prior to seeking CCP labelling. This is contingent upon the project demonstrating full compliance with all requirements of the new methodology's latest version. For such cases, CCP labelling is allowed only for:

- i. GSVERs issued or to be issued for a retroactive monitoring period extending back upto vintages 2021 onwards
- ii. GSVERs for future monitoring periods

1.4 | Entry into Force

1.4.1 | This standard document comes into force on its publication date.

2| REQUIREMENTS

2.1 | Scope of Revised Documentation

2.1.1 | Following the applicable version of the methodology, including additional requirements as published by Gold Standard for CCP labelling, the eligible project using the design change process shall:

- a. Update the project design document (PDD) by:
 - i. including all necessary changes to relevant sections, and
 - ii. providing both marked-up and clean versions, applicable to all projects, PoAs, and VPAs.
- b. For POA: Update applicability and inclusion criteria and justifications for future VPA inclusion.
- c. Update the additionality demonstration, if required.
- d. Reassess the baseline scenario, where applicable.
- e. Recalculate ex-ante GHG emissions for the remaining CP only.
- f. Update to monitoring plan with:
 - i. Revision of monitoring methods and approaches.
 - ii. Update of quality control measures, including uncertainty quantification and adjustment approach.
 - iii. Adjustment of sampling approach, if applicable.
- g. Review and update monitoring approaches for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) impacts other than SDG 13, if project outputs have changed.
- h. Provide ex-ante re-estimation for eligible period (remaining).

2.1.2 | The project developer shall clearly mention the overall CP separately as issued and to be issued in the future that may be requested for labelling of CCPs.

2.2 | Changes to the Project Design

2.2.1 | Refer to the requirements and procedures outlined in the [Design Change Request Requirements and Procedures](#). The requirements in this document are limited to changes that apply to the following updates outlined in the design change request requirements and procedures:

- a. 3.5.1.j (for projects) and 3.6.1.i (for PoAs): "Voluntary update of the applied methodologies or other standard documents to a later valid version, or voluntary change to other methodologies."

2.3 | Applicability of Methodology

2.3.1 | The project developer shall do the following:

- a. Reassess the applicability of the methodology applied for design certification against the applied methodology version where additional requirements as published by Gold Standard for CCP labelling or applied new ICVCM-approved methodology.
 - i. Demonstrate compliance with all applicability criteria in the revised PDD.
 - ii. Provide clear justification and evidence as necessary.

2.4 | Additionality Demonstration

2.4.1 | The project developer shall update the additionality demonstration if required by additional requirements published by Gold Standard for CCP labelling or by a newly applied ICVCM-approved methodology. The project developer shall do the following:

- a. Ensure compliance with all additionality requirements applicable to the methodology.
- b. Provide supporting evidence to validate the demonstration.

2.4.2 | When updating the additionality assessment, the project developer shall update the additionality demonstration considering the following requirements:

- a. Reassess carbon credit revenue consideration and its impact on project financial viability.
- b. Maintain the original additionality demonstration approach (e.g., investment analysis or barrier analysis) used at design certification.
- c. Keep unchanged the key input parameters related to project cost, financing structure, and similar factors.
- d. Retain the benchmark or indicator selected for investment analysis at the time of decision-making.
- e. If using a positive list or deemed additionality approach that is still valid at the time of update submission, no further additionality demonstration update is required for CCP labelling.

2.5 | Design-Certified Monitoring Plan Updates

2.5.1 | The project developer shall do the following:

- a. Provide information to specify the overall monitoring period included for CCP labelling.
- b. When updating the assessment:
 - i. Use conservative assumptions or discount factors for alternative monitoring calculations where data gaps exist. This is to avoid overestimating GHG emission reductions, net anthropogenic GHG removals, and SDG impact resulting from the change.

- ii. Ensure that proposed changes comply with the requirements of the applied methodology.
- c. When updating the monitoring plan for future (ex-ante) periods, the project developer shall do the following:
 - i. Demonstrate that updates are feasible and can be implemented within the project design, including data management and quality assurance/control procedures.
 - ii. Ensure that these procedures are sufficient to allow for accurate reporting and verification of GHG emission reductions achieved by or resulting from the project activity, per the applied methodology requirements.

2.6 | Sustainable Development and Safeguarding Assessment

- 2.6.1 | The project developer shall assess and incorporate any necessary revisions to the SDG impact and safeguarding principles assessment following the design changes. When updating the SDG impact, the project developer is not permitted to include new indicators. However, an update to align with the SDG Impact Tool may be allowed.

2.7 | Legislation

- 2.7.1 | The project developer shall also confirm that the project complies with all applicable statutory requirements related to the project.

3 | REQUIREMENTS FOR VALIDATION & VERIFICATION BODY

- 3.1.1 | The VVB shall assess the proposed revisions by referring to the [Validation and Verification Standard](#) Section 8 for standalone project activities and Section 15 for PoAs and VPAs.
- 3.1.2 | Requirements for VVB Assessment of Issued GSVERs: For assessing issued GSVERs quantification and eligibility for CCP labelling, in addition to the standard requirements prescribed in the VVS, the VVB shall specifically assess and provide a formal opinion on the following elements:
 - a. **Verification of Full Monitoring Period:** The VVB shall confirm that the assessment covers the entire duration of the monitoring period for which issuance was originally granted.
 - b. **Vintage Eligibility:** The VVB shall verify that all credits subject to review belong to eligible vintages, strictly limited to 2021 and onwards.
 - c. **Batching:** Where applicable, the VVB shall assess the appropriateness of batching historical monitoring periods to ensure logical consistency and efficiency.
 - d. **Sequential Integrity and Data Carry-Over:** For batched requests, the VVB shall verify that the sequential integrity of monitoring periods is preserved. This includes confirming that technical outputs or

parameters re-quantified in one period are consistently and correctly carried forward to all subsequent periods within the batch, where applicable.

- e. **Data Traceability and Verification:** The VVB shall conduct a comprehensive inspection of documentation to confirm data traceability. The VVB shall explicitly report on whether the historical data utilized for re-quantification matches the data underpinning the original issuances.
- f. **Methodological Application:** The VVB shall verify the correct application of the ICVCM-approved methodology, GS4GG requirements as applicable and its specific calculation methods to the historical data.
- g. **Re-quantification and Volume Adjustment:** The VVB shall validate the calculations regarding re-quantification, ensuring that any reduction in credited volume is accurately determined.
- h. **General Compliance:** The VVB shall confirm compliance with all other applicable Gold Standard for the Global Goals (GS4GG) requirements.

4| APPROVAL PROCEDURE

- 4.1.1 | Refer to Section 6, "Design change approval procedure," outlined in the [Design Change Request Requirements and Procedures](#). The developer may follow any of the options outlined there.
- 4.1.2 | Project activities involving design change required with applied methodology (Section [1.3.3](#) |) may be submitted under issuance track.

5| APPLICABLE FEE

- 5.1.1 | The project developer shall pay the fee as applicable for the design review when design change is involved. For cases in which no design change is required, there is no review fee.
- 5.1.2 | The project developer shall pay the design change review fee in addition to performance review fee, if applicable, when the design change review request is submitted with issuance track.

6| CORE CARBON PRINCIPLES LABELLING REQUIREMENTS FOR METHODOLOGIES

This section outlines the requirements for the methodologies following ICVCM's decision/conditions for CCP labelling.

6.1 | Clean Cooking

A. Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC)

6.1.1 | The ICVCM decision for this methodology is summarised in Table 1.a.

Table 1.a <u>Reduced Emissions from Cooking and Heating – Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption (TPDDTEC)</u>	
Version number	4.0
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	27/02/2025 (V4.0)
Date	CCP conditions
27/02/2025	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: i. the default fNRB value from the latest version of CDM Tool 33 is applied for emission reductions achieved on or before 31 December 2025, or ii. the source of data for fNRB in mitigation activities is from the modelling fuelwood savings scenarios (MoFuSS) model per CCP eligible programme–approved project documentation, and where: a. fuel consumption is determined either by using a kitchen performance test (KPT) or controlled cooking test (CCT) or methodology default values with cross-checks on fuel savings, and b. for charcoal projects, a direct charcoal emission factor (which may include production emissions) or a wood-to-charcoal conversion factor of four to one is used. Reference: V4.0 https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/GS_TPDDTEC_v4_2025.pdf <i>*In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.1.2 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying V4.0 of this methodology and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section.
- ii. Demonstrate compliance with the requirements for CCP labelling outlined in Sections [1.1](#) and [2](#) of this document.
- iii. Not be eligible for CCP labelling of GSVERs for a retroactive monitoring period for more than two years.
- iv. Not to be eligible for historically issued monitoring periods beyond 5 years from the date of application submission until 2021.

6.1.3 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3](#) [above](#).

B. Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption

6.1.4 | The ICVCM decision on [Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption versions 2.0, 3.0, and 3.1](#) is summarised in Table 1.b below.

Table 1.b <u>Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption</u> (TPDDTEC)	
Version number(s)	2.0, 3.0, 3.1
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	22/05/2025
Date	CCP conditions
22/05/2025	The Category/Categories meet(s) the relevant criteria and requirements for CCP-approval - GS TPDDTEC - Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralized Thermal Energy Consumption versions 2-3.1 applied under Gold Standard: i. For improved cookstove projects meeting the conditions stated in TPDDTEC version 4 decision and where; ii. A reassessment of baseline emissions has been conducted at least once within the five years immediately preceding the start of an issued monitoring period and; iii. no emission reductions are claimed from cookstoves that are aged beyond their technical life - unless replaced or retrofitted with a performance guarantee and; iv. project emissions from transport of fuels is either proven to be negligible (<5%), or accounted for in emission reduction calculations and v. emission reductions are excluded or discounted where the project is found to displace or operate alongside another mitigation activity Reference: V2.0-3.1 https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/GS_TPDDTEC_v2-3.1_2025.pdf *In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.

6.1.5 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying [Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption versions 2.0, 3.0, or 3.1](#) and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section above
- ii. Demonstrate compliance with the requirements for CCP labelling outlined Section 1 & 2 in this document
- iii. Not be eligible for CCP labelling of GSVERs for a retroactive monitoring period for maximum of up to two years retroactive monitoring period that have not already been issued
- iv. Not to be eligible for historically issued monitoring periods beyond 5 years from the date of application submission until 2021.
- v. Demonstrate compliance with additional requirements as summarise in the table below with VVB opinion;

Table 1. b.1	Additional applicability requirements for CCP labelling
Additional requirements applicable to:	Methodology: Technologies and Practices to Displace Decentralised Thermal Energy Consumption versions 2.0, 3.0, or 3.1
Eligibility:	CP labelling is limited to improved cookstove activities only — where the rated thermal efficiency of the project stove shall be at least 20%. Projects applying involving biodigesters and/or safe water supply activities are not eligible.
fNRB	As per ICVCM conditions
Charcoal conversion factor:	As per ICVCM conditions
Threshold - Baseline fuel consumption:	The project shall have determined baseline fuel consumption using a baseline Kitchen Performance Test (KPT). The baseline fuel consumption results shall be below the threshold values i.e., 0.75 tonnes/person/year of fuelwood or 0.20 tonnes/person/year for charcoal.
Fuel Saving:	The project shall demonstrate fuel savings through a cross-check based on the proportional energy efficiency of baseline and project stoves. Project developers shall use baseline efficiency data (default value 10% for three-stone fires, 20% for charcoal stoves) and project stove efficiency data as manufacturer specifications, third-party publications, or Water Boiling Test (WBT) results. For the cross-check of fuel saving in most recent years,

	developers shall conduct WBTs for project stoves of representative age groups, testing a minimum of 3 stoves per age group to determine the average efficiency of project stove.
Reassessment of Baseline:	The project shall have reassessed and updated the baseline fuel consumption at the time of crediting period renewal, as required by the methodology.
Emission Reductions Beyond Technical Life of the Technology:	The project shall have claimed emission reductions for project technology only up to the end of its technical lifetime (evidence needed), or project has measures in place to ensure that end users have received replacement technology before end of the technical lifetime of the project stoves.
Avoidance of double claiming and double counting:	The project shall conduct an assessment and demonstrate that the project activity does not involve stoves included in any other voluntary market or CDM project activity/PoA and strive not to displace the cooking devices of another CDM or voluntary project/PoA.
Project emissions from transport of fuels:	Where applicable, the project developer shall demonstrate that stove and/or fuel transport related emissions are negligible (below 5%) or are accounted for.

6.1.6 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in [Section 1.3 | above.](#)

C. Methodology for Metered & Measured Energy Cooking Devices

6.1.7 | The ICVCM decision for this methodology is summarised in Table 2.

Table 2 METHODOLOGY FOR METERED & MEASURED ENERGY COOKING DEVICES

Version number(s)	1, 1.1, 1.2
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	27/02/2025 (V 1, 1.1, 1.2)
Date	CCP conditions
27/02/2025	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: - the default fNRB value from the latest version of CDM Tool 33 is applied for emission reductions achieved on or before 31 December 2025, or - the source of data for fNRB in mitigation activities is from the MoFuSS model per CCP eligible programme-approved project documentation, and where: - fuel consumption is determined either by using a KPT or CCT or methodology default values with cross-checks on fuel savings, and - for charcoal projects, a direct charcoal emission factor (which may include production emissions) or a wood-to-charcoal conversion factor of four to one is used. Reference: V 1-2 https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/GS_MM_v1-2_2025.pdf <i>* In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.1.8 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying [this](#) methodology and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section.
- Demonstrate compliance with the requirements for CCP labelling as outlined in Sections [1.1](#) and [2](#) of this document.
- Not be eligible for CCP labelling of GSVERs for a retroactive monitoring period for more than two years.
- Not to be eligible for historically issued monitoring periods beyond 5 years from the date of application submission until 2021.

6.1.9 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3 | above.](#)

6.2 | Biodigesters (Household)

D. METHODOLOGY FOR ANIMAL MANURE MANAGEMENT AND BIOGAS USE FOR THERMAL ENERGY GENERATION

6.2.1 | The ICVCM decision for this methodology is summarised in Table 3.

<u>Table 3 Methodology for Animal Manure Management and Biogas Use for Thermal Energy Generation</u>	
Version number(s)	1.0, 1.1
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	27/02/2025
Date	CCP conditions
27/02/2025	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: i. the default fNRB value from the latest version of CDM Tool 33 is applied for emission reductions achieved on or before 31 December 2025, or ii. the source of data for fNRB in mitigation activities is from the MoFuSS model per CCP eligible programme–approved project documentation, and where: • fuel consumption is determined either by using a KPT or CCT or methodology default values with cross-checks on fuel savings, and • for charcoal projects, a direct charcoal emission factor (which may include production emissions) or a wood-to-charcoal conversion factor of four to one is used. Reference: https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/GS_M.Man_v1-1.1_2025-version-2.pdf <i>* In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.2.2 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying [this](#) methodology and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section.

- ii. Demonstrate compliance with the requirements outlined in this document.
- iii. Not be eligible for CCP labelling of GSVERs for a retroactive monitoring period for more than two years.
- iv. Not to be eligible for historically issued monitoring periods beyond 5 years from the date of application submission until 2021.

6.2.3 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3 | above](#)

6.3 | Landfill Gas and Utilisation

E. CDM ACM0001 – Flaring or use of landfill gas

6.3.1 | The ICVCM decision on [CDM ACM0001 – Flaring or use of landfill gas](#) is summarised in Table 4.

Table 4 CDM ACM0001 – Flaring or use of landfill gas

Version number(s)	15, 16, 17, 18, 18.1, 19
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	30/05/2025
Date	CCP conditions
30/05/2025	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: i. all landfill gas (LFG) project types do not generate electricity, and ii. LFG-to-electricity projects have a capacity of equal to or below 10 MWe. Reference: https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/GS_ACM0001_v15-19_2024-1.pdf <i>* In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.3.2 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying ICVCM approved version of this methodology and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section.
- ii. Apply one of the ICVCM-approved methodologies, including version number, for renewable energy generation component, where applicable.
- iii. Demonstrate compliance with the requirements outlined in this document.

6.3.3 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3 | above](#)

F. CDM AMS-III.G. – Landfill methane recovery

6.3.4 | The ICVCM decision for this methodology is summarised in Table 5.

Table 5 CDM AMS-III.G. – Landfill methane recovery	
Version number(s)	9, 10
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	30/05/2025 (V10), 20/07/2024 (V9)
Date	CCP conditions
30/05/2025 (V10), 20/07/2024 (V9)	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: i. all LFG project types do not generate electricity, and ii. LFG-to-electricity projects have a capacity of equal to or below 10 MWe. Reference: https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/GS_ACM0001_v15-19_2024-1.pdf <i>* In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.3.5 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying [CDM AMS-III.G. – Landfill methane recovery](#) and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section.
- ii. Apply one of the ICVCM-approved methodology, including version number, for renewable energy generation component, where applicable.
- iii. Demonstrate compliance with the requirements outlined in this document.

6.3.6 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3 | above](#)

6.4 | Carbon Di-oxide Removal

[G. Carbon Sequestration Through Accelerated Carbonation of Concrete Aggregate V1.0](#)

6.4.1 | The ICVCM decision for this methodology is summarised in Table 6

Table 6 Carbon Sequestration Through Accelerated Carbonation of Concrete Aggregate

Version number(s)	1.0
CCP approval status	Approved
Decision date (latest)	18/09/2025 (V1.0)
Date	CCP conditions
30/05/2025 (V10), 20/07/2024 (V9)	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: i. Rule Update concerning baseline carbonation (22 October 2024) is applied and; [available here https://globalgoals.goldstandard.org/standards/RU_2024_V1.0_Rule-Update-Accelerated-Carbonation-Methodology.pdf] ii. the CO2 source is DAC or biogenic. Reference: https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/M44_GS_Acc_Carb_Concrete_1.0_2025-1.pdf <i>* In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.4.2 | **GS4GG – Requirements:** Projects applying Carbon Sequestration Through Accelerated Carbonation of Concrete Aggregate and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section above.

6.4.3 | **GS4GG – Procedure:** To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3 | above](#).

6.5 | Rice cultivation Methane Avoidance

H. Methodology for Methane Emission Reduction by Adjusted Water Management Practice in Rice Cultivation V1.0

6.5.1 | The ICVCM decision for this methodology is summarised in Table 7 below

Table 7 Methane Emission Reduction by Adjusted Water Management Practice in Rice Cultivation

Version number(s)	1.0
CCP approval status	CCP Approved (Conditional)
Decision date (latest)	29/01/2026 (V1.0)
Date	CCP conditions
29/01/2026 (V1.0)	The methodology meets the relevant criteria where: i. The project applies the (c) Option 3 – Activity Penetration (AGR Project Specific) approach of the Agriculture Activity Requirements to demonstrate additionality; and ii. The project applies the Rule Update – Accounting of Soil Organic Carbon Loss Risk in Activities Applying Methodology “Methane Emission Reduction by Adjusted Water Management Practice in Rice Cultivation”. Reference: https://icvcm.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/M47_GS_RICE_v1.0_2026.pdf <i>* In case of any discrepancy in the text reproduced here, ICVCM's decision as published on its website supersedes the requirements outlined here. Please refer to the ICVCM website for the final text to ensure accuracy and completeness: https://icvcm.org/assessment-status/.</i>

6.5.2 | GS4GG – Requirements: Projects applying Methodology for Methane Emission Reduction by Adjusted Water Management Practice in Rice Cultivation and requesting CCP labelling of GSVERs shall:

- i. Demonstrate compliance with the CCP conditions for GSVERs as specified in the "CCP conditions" section above.
- ii. Projects are required to establish adherence to the [RULE UPDATE- Accounting of Soil Organic Carbon Loss Risk in Activities Applying Methodology “Methane Emission Reduction by Adjusted Water Management Practice in Rice Cultivation”](#) during the period for which CCP label is requested.

6.5.3 | GS4GG – Procedure: To request CCP labelling for GSVERs, the project developer shall follow the applicable procedure outlined in Section [1.3 | above](#).

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Version	Date	Description
3.1	24/07/2026	i. Addition of CCP conditions for GS4GG methodology "Methane Emission Reduction by Adjusted Water Management Practice in Rice Cultivation"
3.0	22/12/2025	ii. Extension of eligibility of CCP-labelling to issued credits until the vintage of 2021 iii. Addition of specific requirements for CCP-labelling of historically issued credits iv. Applicability conditions for GS4GG methodology "Carbon Sequestration Through Accelerated Carbonation of Concrete Aggregate V1.0" v. Editorial changes
2.0	08/07/2025	Included eligibility criteria for TPDDTEC V2.0, 3.0 & 3.1 following ICVCM decision on 22/05/2025
1.0	24/04/2025	First version released